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Hi,

I feel that the proposed remedy agreed by the DOJ and Microsoft will not have any beneficial effect in curbing Microsoft abuse of its monopoly with the computer market.

Due to the way Microsoft operates it is very hard for companies to move away from the Microsoft products they have already installed because of file compatibility or the ability to communicate with customers.

It appears from information circulating around various security new groups that Windows 2000 makes surious DNS (Domain Naming System) requests when communicating with Non-Microsoft DNS Servers (a cumulative effect which can slow down a Network!). The Fix is to install a Windows based DNS Server (for which you have to pay client access licenses), while on Unix you do not.

Microsoft due to its size and cash can enter any market and spent its way to dominate the market.

Microsoft needs to be split into the following divisions :-

1. Operating Systems (Intel X86, Itanium)
2. Embedded Systems (PDAs, ATMs)
3. Application Development (Development Tools)
4. Internet Systems (including IE, BizTalk)
5. Office Applications (Office, Exchange)
6. Business Partnerships (other businesses which Microsoft has bought completely or has more than 5%)

Microsoft should also publish the complete API for Windows, and publish common inport/export formats for all applications to permit free movement of information into and out from all Microsoft products. eg Office, Outlook, etc.

Regards

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